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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 400 NEW JOBS FOR IREDELL COUNTY**  
***One North Carolina Fund Helps Bring Canac Kitchens to Statesville***

**Raleigh** - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Canac Kitchens, a leading cabinetry company, will open a manufacturing facility in Statesville. The company expects to create more than 400 new jobs during the next three years and anticipates ongoing capital investments that could reach \$20 million. This announcement was made possible in part by a One North Carolina Fund grant of \$250,000.

"Canac's decision to locate in Statesville means 400 new jobs for 400 hard-working North Carolinians," said Easley. "North Carolina is able to attract companies like Canac because of our continued investments in solid infrastructure, a superior education system and quality workforce."

Canac Kitchens, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kohler Co. of Kohler, Wisc., is the largest supplier of frameless cabinets in North America. Its products are available through an extensive network of exclusive corporate and associate dealer showrooms across the United States, Canada and internationally. Founded in 1873, Kohler is one of the nation's oldest and largest privately held companies, and is a worldwide leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products, engines and power generation systems, home interiors and hospitality services.

"Canac is pleased to acquire this plant in Statesville," said David Kohler, group president Kitchen and Bath Group, Kohler Co. "The new facility will be a positive addition to our existing manufacturing operations as Canac moves forward in expanding its business."

In addition to a competitive wage level, the company will provide a comprehensive benefits package to its employees. Employment opportunities at the Statesville facility will be announced in the local media in the near future.

The One North Carolina Fund helps the state recruit and expand quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through use of this fund, more than 14,000 jobs and more than \$1.8 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Other contributors that made this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce, the city of Statesville and Iredell County.

For more information about the company, visit its Web site at [www.Kohler.com](http://www.Kohler.com).